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To whom it may concern,

I would like to state my opinion as a programmer that the proposed judgement in the Microsoft anti-trust case is far too weak with respect to opening up the field for developers of inter-operable systems (e.g. the Wine project).

To break down the entry barriers, all Microsoft specs, including APIs and file formats, current and future, must be freely available to developers. There can only be a free market in today's computing world in an environment where components from disparate sources can be made to interoperate; otherwise there remains a form of mutual exclusion in terms of what runs on a given computer system.

Only across the board, enforced openness of specs can enable a real free market by breaking this chain.

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